

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY, April 2-6 P. M.

The stock market was weak this morning, and owing to the strong desire which was evinced to sell the majority of the shares on the 1st declined in price. Compared with the highest cash sales at the first meeting of the Brokers' Board on Friday, Erie preferred stock rose 14; Harlem & Calais and Chicago 14; Chicago and Alton 3; Pacific Mail 1; Cumberland Coal 14; Canton Company 24; and Quicksilver Mining 14; Michigan Central, Michigan Southern, and Cleveland and Toledo, the same as yesterday. New York Central declined 14; Erie Railroad 14; Hudson River 14; Reading 14; Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien 14; Illinois Central 14; Cleveland and Pittsburgh 14; Chicago and Rock Island 24; Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne 1; Atch and Tarrate 14; Chicago and Northwestern 14; and Marquette Mining Company 14.

The government raised the price of gold again to day one per cent, having fixed the premium at 66, against 65 yesterday. It is not pretended that gold was a fraction more valuable to day than it was on Thursday, when Mr. Chase announced, through the Sub-Treasury in this city, that the greenback dollar, in its relative value to gold, was worth sixty-one and a half cents; but to day he tells us that it is only worth sixty cents. This mode of playing into the hands of the speculators is trifling with the patriotism of the people, and, according to the rules of modern finance, if the Secretary continues to raise the premium one to one and a half cent a day it will be a long time before the currency approximates the value of coin. The gamblers' price ranged between 166 and 187.

The steamer City of Washington, for Liverpool, took out to day \$2,000 in specie, and the Germans, for Hamburg, had only \$1,000 on freight.

The following is the report of the transactions at the Sub Treasury:

Amount on hand.	\$56,179,299
Receipts from customs.	203,803
From other sources.	1,259,013
Total.	\$7,541,147
Payments.	2,165,739
Balance.	\$56,480,678

The subscriptions to the ten-cent loan at the office of the Assistant Treasurer to day amounted to \$166,250, and at the First National Bank to \$158,200.

The total value of the imports other than dry goods at this port during the week ending March 31 was \$3,614,471.

The deliveries of five twenty coupon bonds are now being made to January 20, inclusive.

It is reported that the new national banks combined, with the assistance of the Treasury Department at Washington and the Comptroller of the Currency, will soon be prepared to issue about ten millions of dollars of their bills a month. These issues will go directly into circulation, and will of course produce their effect upon monetary affairs. It cannot be otherwise than that, as the currency is increased in bulk by these bills, prices generally must advance in proportion. There is no hypothesis upon which to establish a contradiction of this fact, and we must look for such a result.

The Hidelity Falls Bank, at Holyoke, Mass., has declared a dividend of five per cent, free of government tax, payable April 4.

The returns of the Bank of England for the week ending March 16 compare as follows with the statement of the previous week:

March 9	March 16
Public deposits.	\$6,863,564
Other debts.	5,570,711
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Do.	45,44
Atlantic & G. W. N. Y. 5 per cent.	32,34
Do.	45,44
Stocks and bonds.	20,497,727
Notes in circulation.	19,849,355
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